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A color image forming apparatus ~~is provided with~~ has a semiconductor laser array 4 of which laser beam emitting points 4-1 ~ 4-12 are arranged with m ($m \geq 2$) points in the row direction thereof and n points in the line direction thereof ~~as the same corresponding to the~~ number of the photosensitive drums 9; a beam splitting means 4-unit which splits the respective laser beams for every ~~lines~~ line on the semiconductor laser array 4 so that m laser beams emitted from one of the rows on the semiconductor laser array 4 scan ~~a the~~ same photosensitive drum 9 ~~among thereof;~~ and a beam deflection means 6-unit which deflects in common n laser beams for every ~~lines~~ line emitted from the semiconductor laser array 4 and irradiates the same onto the respective photosensitive drums 9, wherein, ~~the~~ The arrangement direction of m beam spots irradiated onto one of the photosensitive drums 9 is inclined by an angle α_2 with respect to the main scanning direction, ~~thereby.~~ Thereby, ~~through the common use of the scan optical system for the plurality of laser beams~~ the size and the cost of the apparatus are reduced.